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THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" (a) 10 wells.

" (b) Near the Harijan quarters the number is 5, and near the caste Hindu quarters 5."

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM :—" In view of the fact that the Harijans will have to pay contribution if the construction of wells is taken up under the Rural Welfare Scheme, will the Government consider the desirability of issuing a specific instruction to the Collectors to sanction the construction of drinking water wells under the Rural Water-supply Scheme? "

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" I am speaking on behalf of the Rural Welfare Department. On behalf of this department, instructions have already been given that facilities should be given to Harijan quarters. As a matter of fact, instructions have been given to the effect that in regard to drinking water wells, care should be taken to see that separate wells for Harijans and other communities are not constructed as they are likely to perpetuate the caste distinction and that ordinarily no new well should be dug within a distance of one furlong from an existing public well, unless there be any compelling reasons such as shortness in supply in the existing wells and that in any case nothing should be done which would tend to accentuate caste distinctions. As far as possible, the needs of the Harijans are met in this respect."

*Sri Soundareswaraswamy temple at Kamarasavalli.*

* 854 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government received any complaint, dated 10th February 1953, from the villagers of Kamarasavalli regarding the mismanagement of Sri Soundareswaraswami temple at Kamarasavalli; and

(b) the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAIDU :—" (a) No, Sir.

" (b) Does not arise."

*Construction of a road connecting the Payyannoor-Pulingom road with Coorg.*

* 855 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether there is any proposal with the Government to construct a road connecting the Payyannoor-Pulingom road in North Malabar with Coorg?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" There is no such proposal."

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SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Are the Government aware that it will be a very important road which shortens the distance from Malabar to Coorg and that it would create better facilities for commercial crops grown in that area? Will the Government be, therefore, pleased to include this road also in the new scheme?"

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" A road of fifteen miles in length has to be formed in Coorg area and the Coorg Government have pleaded inability to construct that road. A bridge also will be necessary on the river which runs between Coorg and Madras."

*Representations from the members of the Kudumbi community.*

* 856 *Q.*—SRI C. H. KANARAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any memorandum signed by more than 40 members of the Kudumbi community to include them in the backward community list and give them educational facilities given to backward communities; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken by the Government?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The question of inclusion of the Kudumbi community in the list of backward classes will be considered after the recommendations of the Backward Classes Commission are known."

SRI C. H. KANARAN :—" Did the Government take any step in this matter? Did the Government recommend the inclusion of this community in the list of backward communities?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" When the Commission receives the views of the Government, this will also be communicated, but the decision will be arrived at after getting the decision of the Commission."

SRI P. PUNDARIKAKSHACHARYULU :—" Sir, what is the policy or principle involved in declaring a particular community a backward community?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The list of the backward communities was added to from time to time. But now, in view of the appointment of the Backward Classes Commission by the President, we have to wait till the Commission goes into the whole question."

*Representations from the members of the Kudumbi community, Tellicherry.*

* 857 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether the Government received a memorandum recently from the Kudumbi community of Tellicherry requesting the Government to include them among the backward scheduled castes; and if so, the action taken thereon?